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FOR AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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1. AMEBASSY MCHENRY SPOKE JANUARY 24WITH SWAPO UN  
REPRESENTATIVE THEO-BEN GURIRAB, WHO CONFIRMED SWAPO'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 10 AND 11FOR PROXIMITY  
TALKS IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 8 AND  
9 FOR PREPARATORY TALKS.

2. DURING MEETINGS AM AND PM JANUARY 24 CONTACT GROUP

AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS SHOULD MAKE AN APPROACH TO BRAND FOURIE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PURPOSE OF THIS APPROACH WOULD BE: (A) TO CONFIRM THE DATES OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS; (B) TO INFORM SOUTH AFRICA THAT FIVE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE HOLDING OF TALKS; AND (C) TO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT, REGARDING ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, WHICH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER INTENDS TO MAKE TO PARLIAMENT. TALKING POINTS ADOPTED BY THE GROUP, AD REFERENDUM, ARE CONTAINED PARA 8.

3. COMMENT. PARAGRAPH FOUR OF THE TALKING POINTS REPRESENTS WESTERN FIVE RESPONSE TO TEXT OF STATEMENT (REF B) WHICH VORSTER INTENDS TO MAKE. THIS REPRESENTS STRONGEST RESPONSE TO WHICH OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP WOULD AGREE. WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TOUGHER LANGUAGE BUT FEEL THAT LANGUAGE ADOPTED BY GROUP IS ACCEPTABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. END COMMENT.

4. WITH REGARD TO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TALKS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED, GROUP AGREED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE MADE ORALLY IN NEW YORK AT 10AM JANUARY 25. TIMING WAS DETERMINED: (A) BY DESIRE TO HAVE RESPONSE SOON FOR PRESS INQUIRIES, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF EXTENSIVE LEAKS; AND (B) BY BRITISH DESIRE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT PRECEDE DAVID OWEN'S JANUARY 25 APPEARANCE IN PARLIAMENT. TEST OF ANNOUNCEMENT (AS WELL AS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE) ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTAINED SEPTTEL. THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS CONTINGENT UPON OUR HAVING RECEIVED PRIOR CONFIRMATION FROM CAPE TOWN THAT THE ABOVE APPROACH TO FOURIE HAS BEEN MADE. THEREFORE, IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THAT APPROACH, CAPE TOWN SHOULD NOTIFY (PREFERABLY BY PHONE) USUN TO THAT EFFECT. PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT, CONTACT GROUP WILL, OF COURSE, ADVISE GURIRAB OF UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT. GROUP HAS ALSO AGREED THAT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LUSAKA SHOULD INFORM SWAPO OFFICIALS THERE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IS FORTHCOMING AND THAT SUBSTANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE RELATED TO GURIRAB IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION, PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT, UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 10 AND 11 HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PROXIMITY TALKS.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO THE CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS OF TODAY, GERMANS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT STARTING PROXIMITY TALKS IN SECRETARY VANCE'S ABSENCE. WE HAVE CONTACTED OTHER MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP AND INFORMED THEM THAT WE MUST, THEREFORE, DELAY BOTH THE APPROACH TO FOURIE AND THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.

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FOR AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

6. FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN: YOU SHOULD TAKE NO REPEAT NO  
ACTION REGARDING APPROACH TO FOURIE UNTIL WE HAVE  
RESOLVED ABOVE PROBLEM. WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS  
PLANS ARE BACK ON TRACK.

7. FOR EMBASSY LUSAKA: YOUR SHOULD ADVISE UK HIGH  
COMMISSIONER TO DELAY HIS APPROACH TO SWAPO REGARDING  
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

8. FOLLOWING ARE THE TALKING POINTS ADOPTED BY THE  
CONTACT GROUP FOR USE WITH BRAND FOURIE:

TALKING POINTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

1) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED  
STATES, WISH TO CONFIRM THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 10 AND 11  
FOR TALKS IN NEW YORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND  
THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 8 AND 9 FOR PREPARATORY TALKS AT  
THE SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL ALSO IN NEW YORK.

2) IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS TO  
ANNOUNCE THE TALKS AT TEN AM IN NEW YORK ON (DATE TO BE  
DETERMINED).

3) AS THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED,  
IT IS THEIR INTENTION, PRIOR TO THESE TALKS, AND IN  
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE PARTIES TO PREPARE, TO PROVIDE  
COPIES OF THEIR PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN  
QUESTION CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

4) IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTION TO  
SPEAK TO THE ISSUE OF NAMIBIA AND PARTICULARLY THE INTIMATION  
OF ELECTIONS, THE SOUTHAFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERSTAND  
THAT ALL MATTERS RELATING TO ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA HAVE  
BEEN ADDRESSED AS PART OF OUR DISCUSSIONS OF AN INTERNATIONALLY  
ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT OF A STATEMENT ALONG  
THE LINES INDICATED BY PERMANENT SECRETARY FOURIE, WE  
WOULD REITERATE OUR VIEW THAT THE FIXING AND ANNOUNCEMENT  
OF AN ELECTION DATE MUST BE DETERMINED WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.  
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